

**THE ATTACHED
AMENDMENTS
ARE TO BILLS
THAT WILL
BE
HEARD ON
HOUSE REGULAR
CALENDAR
TODAY
THURSDAY
MARCH 31, 2022**

Amendment No. 1 to HB2180

Hazlewood
Signature of Sponsor

AMEND Senate Bill No. 2430

House Bill No. 2180*

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 67-6-410(a)(3)(C), is amended by deleting the language "July 1, 2022" and substituting instead the language "July 1, 2025".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 67-6-410(h)(5), is amended by deleting the language "July 1, 2022" and substituting instead the language "July 1, 2025".

SECTION 3. The comptroller of the treasury shall conduct a review of the retail accountability program in Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 67-6-410, to determine the effectiveness and efficiency of the program. The comptroller of the treasury shall report the findings and conclusions to the speakers of the senate and the house of representatives and the chairs of the finance, ways and means committees by November 1, 2024.

SECTION 4. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

Amendment No. 1 to HB2569

Keisling
Signature of Sponsor

AMEND Senate Bill No. 2440*

House Bill No. 2569

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 21, is amended by adding the following as a new part:

(a) As used in this section, "state" means the state of Tennessee and includes a political subdivision thereof, a public higher education system and the individual institutions governed as part of the respective system, a local education agency, a public charter school, and any other entity or instrumentality of the state of Tennessee that derives its authority from the state of Tennessee.

(b) The state shall not discriminate against, or grant preferential treatment to, an individual or group based on the individual's or group's race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in the operation of any aspect of public employment, public education, or public contracting.

(c) This section does not:

(1) Prohibit bona fide occupational qualifications based on sex that are reasonably necessary for the normal and efficient operation of public employment, public education, or public contracting;

(2) Invalidate any court order or consent decree that is in full force and effect on July 1, 2022;

(3) Prohibit action required to establish or maintain eligibility for any federal program or federally funded program where ineligibility would result in a loss of federal funds to the state; or

(4) Preempt any state law in existence as of the effective date of this act that provides a preference to an individual or group of individuals with respect to public contracting and the procurement of public contracts.

(d) A person aggrieved by a violation of this section has a private right of action against the state, which may be brought in a court of competent jurisdiction, and is entitled to recover compensatory damages in an amount not to exceed the maximum statutory limitation for each respective category of compensatory damages pursuant to title 29, chapter 39, if the person prevails in an action brought pursuant to this section.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2022, the public welfare requiring it, and, except as provided in SECTION 1(c), applies only to contracts executed, renewed, or amended on or after July 1, 2022.

Amendment No. 1 to HB2457

Halford
Signature of Sponsor

AMEND Senate Bill No. 2868

House Bill No. 2457*

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-6-202, is amended by deleting the section and substituting the following:

(a) Any firearm, other hunting device, or equipment used in violation of §§ 70-4-116 – 70-4-118 may be seized and held for evidence by the agency. As used in this section, "equipment" does not include a self-propelled vehicle or a vehicle propelled or drawn by a self-propelled vehicle, wherever operated.

(b) When a seizure of property under subsection (a) results in an arrest and the person charged with the offense is found to be not guilty by a court of competent jurisdiction, the property must be returned by the trial court.

(c) The court or jury that determines whether a violation of § 70-4-116, § 70-4-117, or § 70-4-118 has occurred shall also determine, in the same manner as provided in § 70-6-201, whether property seized pursuant to this section is contraband and should be forfeited to the state.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2022, the public welfare requiring it.

Amendment No. 1 to HB1698

Vaughan
Signature of Sponsor

AMEND Senate Bill No. 2055

House Bill No. 1698*

by deleting subdivision (c)(1) in SECTION 3 and substituting:

(1) If blasting operations are to be conducted within one hundred feet (100') of a pipeline distributing manufactured, mixed, or natural gas, or within two hundred feet (200') of an interstate pipeline distributing liquefied or liquid petroleum, then the person who will conduct the blasting operations shall notify the department and the utility company having control of the pipeline at least three (3) full working days, except Sundays and holidays, prior to blasting. If blasting operations are to be conducted on a single project for a period of more than one (1) day, then a single notification of intention constitutes compliance with this subdivision (c)(1).

Amendment No. 1 to HB2037

White
Signature of Sponsor

AMEND Senate Bill No. 2176

House Bill No. 2037*

by deleting Section 2 and substituting:

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3017(b), is amended by deleting "and making satisfactory progress" in subdivision (b)(1) and by deleting "and making satisfactory academic progress" in subdivision (b)(2).

Amendment No. 1 to HB0653

Crawford
Signature of Sponsor

AMEND Senate Bill No. 535*

House Bill No. 653

by deleting the language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 9, Chapter 3, is amended by adding the following as a new part:

9-3-601.

(a) Notwithstanding another law to the contrary, a governmental entity shall not pay, compensate, award, or remit funds in the form of, or facilitate directly or indirectly the conversion of compensation or funds to, blockchain, cryptocurrency, non-fungible tokens, or virtual currency to an individual person, corporation, or other entity without the prior written approval of the state treasurer.

(b) A governmental entity shall not procure services for the performance of the actions prohibited by subsection (a) without the prior written approval of the state treasurer.

9-3-602.

As used in this part:

(1) "Blockchain" means a decentralized data system in which the data stored is mathematically verifiable that uses distributed ledger technology, as defined in § 47-10-201, or databases to store specialized data in the permanent order of transactions recorded;

(2) "Cryptocurrency" means a virtual currency that utilizes cryptography to validate and secure transactions that are digitally recorded through distributed ledger technology;

(3) "Governmental entity" means a local governmental entity, including, but not limited to, a municipality, metropolitan government, county, utility district, school district, public building authority, and development district created and existing pursuant to the laws of this state, or an instrumentality of government created by one (1) or more of the named local governmental entities or by an act of the general assembly;

(4) "Non-fungible token" means a non-fungible cryptographic asset on a blockchain that possesses unique identifiers or other metadata that distinguishes the asset from another token or asset in a manner that makes the asset irreplaceable and non-exchangeable for a similar token or asset; and

(5) "Virtual currency" means a digital representation of value that functions as a medium of exchange, a unit of discount, or a store of value, but does not have legal tender status in the United States.

9-3-603.

This part is repealed on June 30, 2025.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

Amendment No. 1 to HB2733

Vaughan
Signature of Sponsor

AMEND Senate Bill No. 2879

House Bill No. 2733*

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 15, Chapter 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Employee" means a natural person who performs services for an employer for valuable consideration, and does not include a self-employed independent contractor;

(2) "Employer" means a person or entity that employs one (1) or more employees, and includes the state and its political subdivisions; and

(3) "Veteran" means a former member of the armed forces of the United States, or a former or current member of a reserve or Tennessee national guard unit who was called into active military service of the United States, as defined in § 58-1-102.

(b) An employer shall allow the employer's veteran employees to have the entirety of November 11, Veterans' Day, as a non-paid holiday if:

(1) The veteran employee provides the employer with at least one-month's written notice of the veteran employee's intent to have the entirety of that day as a non-paid holiday;

(2) The veteran employee provides the employer with proof of veteran status, which may include, but is not limited to, a DD Form 214 or other comparable certificate of discharge from the armed forces; and

(3) The veteran employee's absence, either alone or in combination with other veteran employee's absences, on that day will not impact public health or safety, or cause the employer significant economic or operational disruption as determined by the employer in the employer's sole discretion.

(c) This section does not prohibit an employer from allowing the employer's veteran employees to have the entirety of Veterans Day as a paid holiday.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

Amendment No. 1 to HB1962

Farmer
Signature of Sponsor

AMEND Senate Bill No. 2814

House Bill No. 1962*

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 31-2-103, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and adding the following subsections:

(b) A person may file a petition to establish the heirs of an intestate decedent for the limited purpose of establishing title to real property or personal property and without the necessity of issuing letters of administration or otherwise proceeding with administration of the decedent's estate. The petition must be in the form set forth in § 30-1-117 and must set forth the information prescribed in § 30-1-117(a)(1)–(4).

(c) A petition filed pursuant to subsection (b) must be filed under oath and a copy of the petition must be personally delivered or mailed to every heir at law of the decedent identified in the petition not less than thirty (30) days prior to entry of an order based on the petition. If the address of an heir at law is not known, then notice to that heir must be given by publication in the same manner as prescribed in § 21-1-204. If the name of an heir is not known, then notice by publication must be given to all unknown heirs of the decedent in the same manner as prescribed in § 21-1-204. The person filing the petition must certify to the court compliance with the notice requirements of this subsection (c).

(d) A person who is or claims to be an heir at law of the decedent may object in writing to the grant of a petition filed pursuant to this section. A person who is or claims to be a legatee, devisee, or distributee of a portion of the decedent's estate pursuant to a document admissible to probate as the decedent's last will and testament pursuant to

title 32 may object in writing to the grant of a petition filed pursuant to this section; provided, however, that the person shall, contemporaneously with the person's objection, tender to the court the original document or a copy of the original document entitled to probate as a copy of a lost will. If objection is made to a petition filed pursuant to this section, then the court shall conduct a hearing and may grant relief as appropriate under the circumstances.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

Amendment No. 1 to HB2699

Farmer
Signature of Sponsor

AMEND Senate Bill No. 1779*

House Bill No. 2699

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 24-7-113(e)(2), is amended by deleting the language "within five (5) years of the execution of the acknowledgment", and deleting the language "Such action shall not be barred by the five-year statute of limitations where fraud in the procurement of the acknowledgment by the mother of the child is alleged and where the requested relief will not affect the interests of the child, the state, or any Title IV-D agency.".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 24-7-113(a), is amended by deleting the language "§ 68-3-305(b) or" and substituting instead "§ 68-3-305(b) by an unwed father or".

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2022, the public welfare requiring it.

Amendment No. 1 to HB2559

Terry
Signature of Sponsor

AMEND Senate Bill No. 2723

House Bill No. 2559*

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-3-501(8), is amended by deleting "not to exceed fourteen (14) hours per week and for not more than seven (7) hours per day" and substituting "not to exceed eighteen (18) hours per week and for not more than nine (9) hours per day"; and by deleting "shall register as providing casual care and" and substituting "shall register as providing casual care, as defined in § 71-3-503(a)(9), and".

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.